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	Examiner Victor X. Nguyen	Art Unit 3734	

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Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) OR THIRTY (30) DAYS, WHICHEVER IS LONGER, FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 21 August 2008.
- 2a) ☒ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1,7-22 and 25 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) 10 and 21 is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1,7-9,11-20,22,25 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413) |
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DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

1. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

Claims 1-4,7, 11-12 and 17 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Semrad. (5,059,183).

Semrad discloses in figures 2-4, a medical device having the limitations as recited in the above listed claim, including: an elongated member 10 has opposite first at 11 and second ends (the segment from the fight side of element 13), where both the first and the second ends adapted for intravascular insertion and where the first end comprises a delivery sheath 20 and the second end comprises a retrieval sheath 40 (fig. 6). Note that the procedure in fig.4 discloses a rolled tip at best occurred at either side of element 41 and where an assembly further has a guidewire 10. This guidewire 10 is able to exit through a port of the sidewall of the delivery sheath. As to claim 17, Semrad discloses the invention substantially as claimed (see rejection of claim 1 above).

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

2. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person

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having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

Claims 1,7,11-19 and 25 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103 (a) as being unpatentable over Broome et al (6,152,946) in view of Semrad (5,059,183).

Broome et al disclose in figure 21, a medical device having the limitations as recited in the above listed claim, including: an elongated member 283 has opposite first at the proximal end 288 and second ends 296, where both the first and the second ends adapted for intravascular insertion and where the first end has a different structure than the second end (see col.9, lines 50-67 and col. 10, lines 1-20), where the elongate member comprises a catheter (fig. 21), where element 280 is a retrieval structure/retrieval sheath. Broome is silent regarding the first end comprising a delivery sheath. Semrad teaches the first end comprising a delivery sheath (fig. 6, element 20). It would have been obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to modify Broome by constructing the first end comprising a delivery sheath as taught by Semrad in order to advance other surgical devices such as catheter or guidewire through tortuous vessel sufficiently, and where the assembly further has an embolic protection device 282. As to claims 17-19, Broome discloses in figures 21 a method for positioning a catheter within a patient's blood vessel as recited in the above listed claims, including a catheter comprising an elongated member 283, where the elongate member has a first end 288, a second end 296, the second end comprises a retrieval sheath 280, where the catheter advances over a guidewire 32.

Claims 8-9, 20 and 22 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103 (a) as being unpatentable over Broome et al. in view of Semrad and Yurek et al (5,662,703).

Broome in view of Semrad discloses the invention substantially as claimed (see rejection of

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claim 1 above). Broome in view of Semrad is silent regarding a sheath having a second side wall port. Yurek discloses a sheath having first 112 and second sidewall port 114 see fig. 10.

It would have been obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to modify Broome by constructing a sheath having first and second sidewall port as taught by Yurek for allowing a guidewire to be exit in combination with a catheter. As to claim 11, Broom teaches a rolled tip at best occurred in fig. 24.

Response to Arguments

3. Applicant's arguments filed 8/21/2008 have been fully considered but they are not persuasive. The applicant argues that Semrad reference fails to show the first end comprising a delivery sheath and the second end comprising a retrieval sheath. Examiner disagrees. Semrad does teach the first end comprises a delivery sheath 20 and the second end comprises a retrieval sheath 40 (fig. 6).

Applicant's arguments with regard to the discussions of Broom's 946 are still deemed not persuasive in light of the modified prior art rejection above. Applicant is asked to please refer to the modified prior art of Broom's 946 in view of Semrad where examiner addresses applicant's concerns regarding prior art rejection.

Conclusion

4. Applicant's amendment necessitated the new ground(s) of rejection presented in this Office action. Accordingly, **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL**. See MPEP § 706.07(a). Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire THREE MONTHS from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within TWO MONTHS of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after

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the end of the THREE-MONTH shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the date of this final action.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Victor X. Nguyen whose telephone number is (571) 272-4699. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F (8-4.30 P.M).

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Ho Jackie can be reached on (571) 272-4697. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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